Privatisation of NFL

2793. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) is being privatised;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard;

(c) the profit/loss earned by NFL, year-wise, during the last three years; and

(d) details of the paid up capital of NFL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government have decided to disinvest 51% of its equity in NFL. The expression of interest for disinvestment has been invited and the Global Advisor to assist in the progress has been appointed.

(c) The profit earned by NFL during the last three years is given below:—

(Rs. in crorc)

1999-2000	34.89
2000-2001	27.31
2001-2002 (Prov.)	40.91

(d) The paid up capital of NFL is Rs. 490.58 crore as on 31.3.2002.

Decline in production of RCF

[f]2794. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production in Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited is declining due to non-supply of gas in adequate quantity by the Gail during the last few days;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.